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Mr. William F. Caton Secretary Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

MM Docket No. 93-107

Channel 280A Westerville, Ohio

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. are an original and eleven (11) copies of its opposition to a request for acceptance of response, filed by Wilburn Industries, Inc. on August 2, 1994.

Please contact the undersigned in our Washington, D.C. office.

Respectfully submitted,

MCNAIR & SANFORD, P.A.

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# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re Applications of:	)
DAVID A. RINGER	) MM Docket No. 93-107
et al.,	) File Nos. BPH-911230MA
Applications for Construction	) through
Permit for a New FM Station, Channel 280A, Westerville, Ohio	) BPH-911231MB

# OPPOSITION TO WII REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE

Respectfully submitted,

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To:

The Review Board

#### OPPOSITION TO WII REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE

Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. ("ORA"), by its attorneys, pursuant to Section 1.294 (b) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits this opposition to request for acceptance. On August 2, 1994, Wilburn Industries, Inc. ("WII") filed a "Request for Acceptance of Response." Therein, WII seeks leave to file a response to ORA's July 22, 1994, opposition to WII's July 14, 1994, tower site amendment. In support of its opposition to the request, ORA submits the following comments.

On July 14, 1994, WII filed an amendment to its pending application. On July 22, 1994, ORA timely filed an opposition thereto. Pursuant to Section 1.294 (b), WII is not allowed to reply to ORA's opposition. Accordingly, WII's response is barred by the rules and must therefore be rejected forthwith.

WII seeks leave to circumvent the proscription of Section 1.294 (b), by contending that ORA's opposition makes misleading allegations against it. In its request, at p. 4, and in its response, at pp. 9-10, WII contends that ORA incorrectly alleged that it never informed the Commission when it first learned that its tower site had been sold. According to WII, it was advised by a letter from the tower site owner, which was received on March 7, 1994, that its specified tower site had been sold.

However, WII mischaracterizes ORA's opposition. What ORA argued in its opposition, at p. 1, was that WII had never informed the Commission when it first became aware that its tower site had been sold. Although WII duly noted when it received the letter from the tower site owner, it cleverly never acknowledged when it first learned or became aware that the tower site had been sold.

There is a decisionally significant difference between learning of an event through verbal communication and then receiving written confirmation of that event. If WII was informed of the sale before receiving the letter on March 7, 1994, it has even less basis for claiming "due diligence" and "good cause" in amending. Moreover, its petition for leave to amend and amendment would be misleading in this respect.

WII has yet to inform the Commission when its tower site was sold and when it first became aware of that sale, either through verbal or written communications. Because WII has refused to provide the Commission with this critical information, ORA searched the local land records. Attached hereto is a deed for the tower site in question which was recorded on January 6, 1994. Accordingly, there is a period of two months in which WII has failed to make an acknowledgement as to whether it then became aware of the sale.

In its response, at p. 10 and n. 8, WII attempts to refute the legal arguments and Commission precedent cited in ORA's July 22, 1994, opposition. However, this is a blatant violation of Section 1.294 (b). Indeed, with respect to that portion of ORA's opposition, WII does not even make the pretense of claiming that ORA made some unfair or misleading allegations. WII merely launches into a point by point attempted refutation of the arguments made by ORA, as if it had an unqualified right to file a reply to ORA's opposition.

WII's attempted refutation is, in any event, unavailing. ORA cited, at p. 3 of its opposition, to <u>Imagists</u>, 8 FCC Rcd 2763, 2765, para. 14 (1993) and to <u>Capitol City</u> <u>Broadcasting Co.</u>, 6 FCC Rcd 5525 (Rev. Bd. 1991), <u>rev. denied</u>, 7 FCC Rcd 2629, para. 4, n. 2 (1992), only for the basic and fundamental proposition of law that an applicant must

document any claim of "good cause." This includes documenting its financial qualifications because of any increased costs resulting from the amendment. See, Pontchartrain Broadcasting Co., Inc. v. FCC, Case No. 93-1291, p. 5, decided Feb. 11, 1994.

WII has utterly failed to document its claim of "good cause" and its claim to be financially qualified in view of substantially increased costs to implement the amended tower site proposal. It only relies upon generalized and conclusory statements. This is patently inadequate.

ORA did not cite to <u>Imagists</u> or <u>Capitol City</u> because of a close similarity of the facts to the specific circumstances of WII. Obviously, every case is different as to the facts and WII could easily write a treatise attempting to distinguish the facts of its case from any cited decision. However, these differences are without any decisional significance. Such "strawman" arguments as to some perceived differences in the facts are nothing more than a diversionary tactic employed by WII in the hope that the Board will not focus its attention on the fact that it has utterly failed to comply with the basic and fundamental proposition of law articulated in <u>Imagists</u> and <u>Capitol City</u> as to the documentation of "good cause" for amendments.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, ORA requests that the Review Board deny the request of WII for acceptance and to reject its response. WII's response is an unauthorized reply in violation of Section 1.294 (b). It has failed to demonstrate that waiver of that provision is justified.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

ONP CORPORATION, aka ONP CORP., an Ohio corporation, for valuable consideration paid, grants with general warranty covenants to SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., an Ohio corporation, whose tax mailing address is: 114 Dorchester Square, Westerville, Ohio 43081, the following real property situated in the County of Delaware, in the State of Ohio, and in the Township of Trenton, and bounded and described as follows:

> SEE "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HERBIN.

Last Instrument Reference: Deed Book 449 page 193, Recorder's Office. Delaway Delaware County, Ohio.

Also known as: 12951 East State Route 37, Sunbury, Ohio

This conveyance is subject to all covenants, restrictions, essements, and taxes accrued through the date of closing, if any, of record. The granters do further hereby remise, release and forever quit-claim to the said Spirit Communications, Inc., its successors and assigns forever, that certain\*
IN WITNESS WHERBOF, the Grantors have caused this Deed to be executed this 6th day of JANGAW

Signed and Acknowledged in the Presence of:

ONP CORPORATION, aka ONP CORP.

STATE OF OHIO,

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 17 day of 1994, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the above-named QNP CORPORATION, aka ONP CORP., through its President, Carl C. Nourse, who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is his free act and deed and the free act and deed of QNP CORPORATION.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and aff my official seal, on the day and year aforesaid.

Provisions contained in any deed or other instrument for the conveyance of a dwelling which restrict the sale, nontal or use of the property because of race or color are invalid under foderal law and are unenforce. Notary Public abia.

DONALD L. SHAW NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF GIAD MY Chechission exigns above 25, 1885

This Instrument Prepared By:

Carl B. Fry, Esq. FRY & WALLER CO., LPA E Columbus, Ohio 43215 m \$ 614 / 228-2300

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EXHIBIT "A"

Project No. 10300 January 3, 1994

# OF A RADIO TOWER SITE FOR ONP CORPORATION

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Delaware, Township of Trenton, and being part of Lot Twenty-nine (29), Section Three (3), Township Four (4) North, Range Sixteen (18): West, United States Military Lands and being conveyed by deed to QNP Corporation as recorded in Deed Book 449; Page 773, Recorder's Office, Delaware County, Ohio and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a (found) 16 inch diameter stump with a P.K. Nail (set), at the northeast corner of the above described 3,000 acre tract, said stump and P.K. Nail being at the Southeast corner of a 16.21 acre tract owned by Thomas J. and Jane M. Hard (Deed Book 0520, Page 238) and also being in the west line of a 146.0 acre tract owned by Henry D. Wilson Jr., et. al (Deed Book 413, Page 525) all being of the Recorder's Office, Delaware County, said (found) stump and P.K. Nail (set) being the TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING of this description;

Thence South 00 Degrees, 00 Minutes, 00 Seconds West, along the west line of the 146.0 acre Wilson tract, a distance of 660.00 feet to a Railroad Spike (set) in the centerline of Old State Route 37 and passing a (found) 3/4 inch iron pin (1.68 feet west) at 4.11 feet and passing a (found) 3/4 inch iron pin (0.14 feet East) at 613.60 feet;

Thence North 90 Degrees, 00 Minutes, 00 Seconds West, along the centerline of Old State Route 37, a distance of 198.00 feet to a Railroad Spike (set) In said centerline;

Thence North 00 Degrees, 00 Minutes, 00 Seconds East, along the easterly line of a 7.25 acre tract owned by David B. & Curtis J. Gockrell (Deed Book 459, Page 223), a distance of 660.00 feet to a (found) 3/4 Inch iron pin (up 0.3'), in the southerly line of the aforesaid 16.21 acre Hard tract, and passing a (found) 3/4 inch pin (flush) at 46.34 feet and passing a (found) 3/4 inch iron pin (up 0.3') at 656.18 feet;

Thence South 90 Degrees, 00 Minutes, 00 Seconds East, along the southerly line of the said 16.21 acre Hard tract, a distance of 198.00 feet returning to the TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 3.000 acres more or less and being subject to all legal rights-of-way, easements and restrictions of record.



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#### BASIS OF BEARINGS:

Bearings were based on the previous deed for this tract and the east line as being South 00 Degrees, 00 Minutes, 00 Seconds West.

NOTE: As per the Previous Deed of Record (Deed Book 449, Page 773). The Grantors do further hereby remise, release and forever quit-claim to the said QNP Corporation, its successors and assigns forever, that certain radio transmission tower along with all attachments, guy wires, appurtenances, and other paraphernalla riecessary for the operation thereof.

The above description was prepared based on an Actual Field Survey by Bischoff & Associates, Inc. on December 30, 1993 and January 3, 1994 and from Records on file at the Recorder's Office, Delaware County, Ohlo.

James Forth

Registered Surveyor No. S-7416

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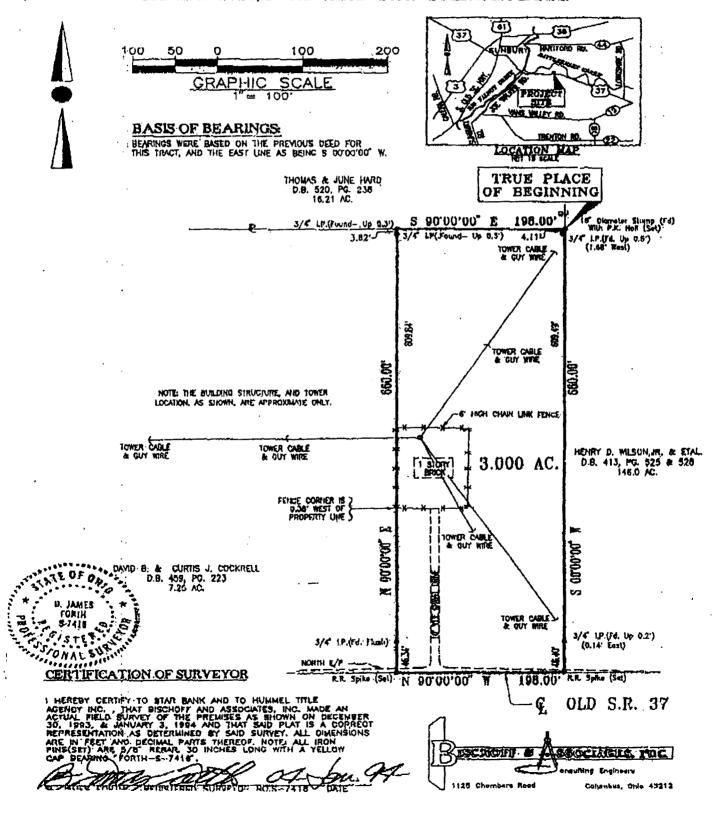
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SITUATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, TOWNSHIP OF TRENTON, BEING PART OF LOT NO. 29, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY LANDS.



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Stephen T. Yelverton, an attorney in the law firm of McNair & Sanford, P.A., do hereby certify that on this 11th day of August, 1994, I have caused to be hand delivered or mailed, U.S. mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing "Opposition to WII Request for Acceptance" to the following:

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